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E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, MASS, IR
SUBJECT: F-14/15 BRIEFING FOR IRAN

REFS: A) TEHRAN 2241; B) TEHRAN 2037

1. DEP. SEC. DEFENSE HAS AUTHORIZED SINGLE F-14 AIRCRAFT TO VISIT IRAN FOR STATIC DISPLAY AND FLIGHT DEMONSTRATION SUBJECT OF COURSE TO GOI AND EMBASSY CONCURRENCE. F-14 WILL BE AT PARIS AIR SHOW AND ALSO VISIT UK. DOD PROPOSES F-14 VISIT TEHRAN ARRIVING JUNE 13 AND DEPARTING JUNE 15 WITH DISPLAY/ DEMONSTRATION JUNE 14.

2. AVAILABILITY OF F-14 FOR STATIC DISPLAY AND FLIGHT
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DEMONSTRATION WOULD OBVIOUSLY ENHANCE THE SHAH' S APPRE-
CIATION OF THE AIRCRAFT' S CAPABILITIES AND CHARACTERISTICS
AND WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE AND USEFUL ELEMENT IN OUR
EFFORT TO KEEP SHAH AND GOI INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS IN
F-14/15 PROGRAM. SINCE, HOWEVER, WE DESIRE TO CONTINUE
EVEN- HANDED APPROACH ON F-14/15 AND DO NOT, REPEAT NOT,
WISH GOI GAIN IMPRESSION WE ARE FAVORING EITHER AIRCRAFT
OVER OTHER, DOD IS ALSO PREPARED TO MAKE F-15 AVAILABLE
DURING SHAH' S UPCOMING VISIT TO U. S.

3. WE WISH YOUR AND GOI VIEWS ON PREFERRED COURSE OF
ACTION, WHICH COULD INCLUDE FOLLOWING:

A) PRESENT F-14/15 BRIEFINGS IN TEHRAN IN CONJUNCTION WITH
F-14 VISIT. F-15 FLIGHT DEMONSTRATION AND STATIC DISPLAY
COULD FOLLOW DURING SHAH' S VISIT TO U. S.

B) PRESENT ONLY F-14 BRIEFING AND DEMONSTRATION IN TEHRAN
AND F-15 BRIEFING AND DEMONSTRATION IN U. S.

C) IF IT PREFERABLE NOT REPEAT NOT HAVE F-14 VISIT TEHRAN,
DOD PREPARED PROVIDE F-14/15 BRIEFINGS IN TEHRAN AND
DEMONSTRATIONS IN U. S.

D) OTHER REASONABLE ALTERNATIVE SHAH DESIRES CAN ALSO BE
CONSIDERED.

4. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP. FYI. AMBASSADOR HELMS HAS CON-
CURRED IN PRESENTATION THESE ALTERNATIVES TO GOI. END FYI.

5. DEFENSE CONCURS. RUSH

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